



Sylvan Lake Shoreline

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Clean-Up Day *(Many hands make light work)* Saturday Morning May 22

Mark your calendars for Saturday morning May 22 for our annual Everybody-Pitch-In-and-Help-Clean-Up Day. Each park and easement will have Captains who will coordinate the work, and this list should be posted soon. Your reward for helping? Joining your neighbors in showing pride in our community by keeping our parks and easements in good shape. Plus, all workers will enjoy a great noon lunch at the beach.

Here's a few details:

In addition to the usual raking, brush trimming/clearing, etc., we have need for some muscle in a few areas for things such as:

- timber retaining wall repairs,
- dead tree removal,
- drainage ditching,
- sand installation and spreading,
- and path restoration.

We may need the use of a trailer to haul debris. If you can supply one, let Steve Magnusen know.

There will be a roll-off dumpster at the beach again this year but, it is ONLY for landscape waste removed by our neighborhood volunteer crews from the parks and easements. No private garbage/junk debris will be allowed in the roll-off. We appreciate everyone's cooperation in this.

If you notice some work that you feel is needed and want to be sure it is on the list, please contact Steve at magnusens@sbcglobal.net.

If May 22 is a complete rain-out, we will try again on May 29, Memorial Day weekend.

Sylvan Lake Needs You



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Calendar Dates



May 17 - News Needed
May 22 - Lake Clean-up Day
June 5 - Ladies Night Out
June 15 - Volleyball Starts
June 17 - Horseshoe Starts
July 4 - Lake Picnic
TBA - Carp-O-Rama -

About the same time as last year
October 2 - Octoberfest 2010 -
All Year - Adopt a Highway

Spring Cleaning at Home

It is always nice to see people making improvements to their property. Properties that are well maintained and that are kept neat and clean reflect well on the owners as well as on the whole community. Now that spring is finally here, many of us will use the warmer weather to get rid of un-needed items or to properly store things out of sight. Spring begins the garage sale season.!



This serves as a reminder to take a look at what could be cluttering your property. Things in open yards that become familiar to the owner may well be unsightly to many others.

Lake County does have regulations aimed at controlling unsightly and unhealthy deposits of junk and debris on private property. The ordinance also covers noise limitations and storing of inoperable vehicles.

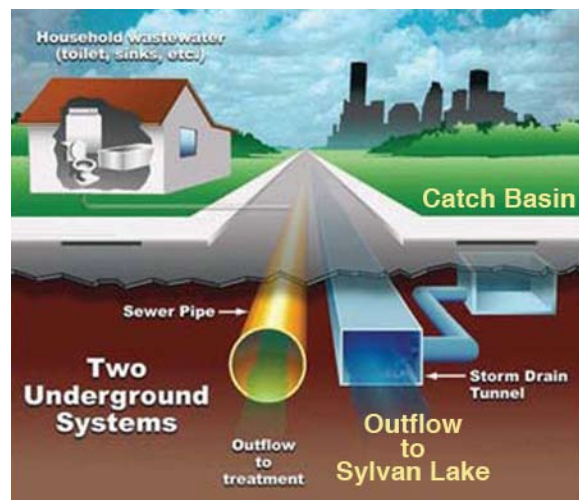
The County Nuisance Ordinance is administered primarily by the Planning, Building and Development Department. The ordinance can be downloaded off the internet, but generally it defines "junk and debris" as "any manufactured or constructed object which has outlived its usefulness in its original form". This includes a number of listed items such as yard waste, cartons, bottles, furniture, vehicle parts, etc. which "due to their condition and/or visibility, can reasonably be construed as being unsightly, unsanitary or dangerous". A reasonable interpretation would say then that things such as recycling bins and other debris should not be set outside until it is time for pickup by the waste hauler.

Water Quality Improvements, Section 319 Grant Status Update

In partnership with Bill Grinnell, Fremont Township Highway Commissioner, the SLIA applied for a matching IEPA Section 319 grant in May 2009. The official documents approving the \$47,800 grant were finalized in early March 2010. The project includes work to install three storm sewer catch basins designed to trap sediment and oils before discharge to the lake, streambank stabilization in Maple Park, rock riffle installation in the Hiawatha Terrace drainage ditch to reduce erosion, and installation of a bio-swale in Valley View Terrace, off of Shady Lane. Additionally, Fremont Township will install and/or replace storm sewers at Wildflower and Hiawatha Terraces.

Plans are now being prepared for submittal to IEPA, SMC and the Army Corps

of Engineers for required permits. We therefore do not expect work to start until late summer. **Some of the SLIA cost share will be made up in volunteer hours, primarily for re-planting disturbed areas.** We will keep everyone informed and get the word out when volunteer sign-ups are to start. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Steve Magnusen.



Mowing and Landscaping Services

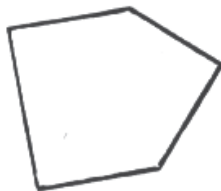
Braulio's Lawn Maintenance of Mundelein has once again been contracted to perform lawn maintenance on various parks and terraces. As in past years, Schwerman Park and the beach area will be mowed and weeded 20 times from May through November. Wildflower, Bjorklund, Sylvan Commons, Buena and Point Comfort are done 16 times a season, while the entrances at Crescent and Highland are done 6 times. Braulio agreed to maintain last year's prices. A couple items of note this year: The mowing will be done on Wednesday in 2010, rather than Monday as in the past.

Braulio will apply a pre-emergent herbicide and fertilizer early this spring, and a broadleaf control application in May. We began these treatments last year to control weeds, especially dandelions, that were taking over many areas.



DON'T PLACE UNSTAMPED MAIL IN YOUR NEIGHBORS' MAILBOXES

Don't drop off notes, invitations or checks to your neighbors' mailboxes. It is against the law, and the postal carrier has the right to throw away anything in the mailbox that has not been processed through the post office.



Need Delivery Location?



Delivery of the Sylvan Lake newsletter 'Sylvan Lake Shoreline' is hand delivered to each resident. In some cases this is problematic due to no place to put the newsletter.

We can not put the newspaper in a mailbox or behind the mailbox flag anymore (*this is against Federal regulations*), and many homes do not have any newspaper tubes or boxes that can be used.

If your mailbox does not have a location for delivery of the newsletter and you would like a clip or tube to attached to your mailbox for this purpose please email Donn Hamm at dehamm@comcast.net -- Please put 'Delivery Location' in the subject line and your home address in the text and I will drop off a clip or tube for your mailbox post. If you need it attached also let me know.

Save the Date: Sunday July 4,

Sylvan Lake's Annual Fourth of July Picnic!

Once again, the Sylvan Lake Garden Club proudly sponsors Sylvan Lake's Annual Fourth of July Picnic. Food, Kid's and Adult Games, Bike Parade, and all those events that we have come to love are in the planning stages now. We need volunteers to make this work, (especially food servers) and would love to hear from you.

If you are willing to pitch in, please contact Sandy

Pakledinaz at 847-566-8341.



DUES ARE DUE

Thanks to all who have sent in their dues. If you haven't paid, please send them in ASAP. Remember, no unstamped mail in my mailbox.

Jeanne Peterson

Service Hours Needed?

Kids/adults may need to complete service hours for a number of reasons: religious, scouts, high school requirements, so you may want to remind neighbors that we (Sylvan Lake Improvement Association) are a non-profit and we will provide them with a letter stating that they completed hours working here in our community. I have done so for many of my son's scout troop members. Adopt-a-Hwy also counts towards service hours.

If you know anyone that needs to work volunteer service hours please remind them by phone. No matter how much paper or emails are sent, phone calls can be more personal, be better at explaining what is needed, and usually will get those involved in the spirit of the event.

Thank you
Jeri Swanson

P.S.

We just got the renewal form from Lake County for Adopt-a-Hwy. Every two years we have to commit or deny...

Chris Hinrichsen has always headed it up and has done many short trips on his own. He puts the garbage in his own container so he doesn't have to set a specific date and call for pick up.

If anyone would like to help in this community based volunteer project please contact Chris Hinrichsen for details.



Calling all Sylvan Lake Canines

In the next issue we would like to do an expose' on some of Sylvan Lake's most popular residents- our dogs. If you are an owner and would like to see your pooch in the next issue please submit a digital image to dehamm@comcast.net. Include the name of your dog, breed, age and any fun fact that makes your dog special. Please put **SHORELINE** in the subject line.



Spring Clean-up and A Clean Lake

Keeping Our Lake Clean

It is a fact that just about everything that washes into the storm drainage grates ends up in our lake and/ or easements. That can include a number of undesirable things, such as cigarette butts, paper products, oils, salt, ashes from burning leaves and anything else that can be washed down the drain. It is extremely important, therefore, that all of us take an interest in keeping our streets and yards free of debris. Visit the SLIA web site Environmental section to learn more.



Calling all Sylvan Lake Woodworkers



All Sylvan Lake woodworkers are invited for coffee and a sharing of their hobby Wednesday, May 12th, at 7:30. Share your interest in woodworking, what you have completed, what's in the shop, what's on the drawing board. Coffee and nibbles provided. Share your history in the art of making chips and sawdust and heirlooms. Shop tour provided if I can get it cleaned up. Email me at dehamm@comcast.net if you can come.

Do You Geocache? No Finders, No Takers for the Treasure?

A hidden treasure is still in our S L community, just for Sylvan Lakers! The clues, coordinates and simple rules are found on the Sylvan Lake website www.slia.net, under THIS N' THAT. I have added real money to the catch.

Geocaching is a 'FREE' high-tech, outdoor hiking/walking, treasure hunting game played throughout the world by adventure seekers equipped with a GPS devices. The basic idea is to locate a hidden container, called a geocache.

You can find out more about this free outdoor sport at: www.geocaching.com or email Donn Hamm at dehamm@comcast.net

Remember also that if you use lawn fertilizer; be sure to use a product that does not contain phosphorous. Phosphorous contributes to algae blooms in the lake. This chemical is not really necessary for established lawns anyway.

By: Steve Magnusen

Sylvan Lake Website

www.slia.net

Sylvan Lake has a website that provides up to date information on events and activity around the lake. You can also download the latest Shoreline, participate on a message board, and learn about its history. To access secure sections of the site, fill out the online form from the home page and the login information will be emailed to you.

Newsletter Info.

Next Newsletter information for June 1st Issue News is needed by:

May 17th, 2010

Pictures welcome!

Send to Donn Hamm at:

dehamm@comcast.net

Please put Shoreline in the subject line.

Do you Email? Do we have your addresses

If you want to be part of the email list, please send your email address to SylvanLakers@gmail.com.

This is specially important if you don't have a newspaper tube and we can not deliver the *Shoreline* to your mailbox.

Jeanne Peterson

--Tear Out & Mail Out--

Ready, Willing and Able?

Would you like to help with some Sylvan Lake Projects?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____

Email: _____

If there is a specific project you'd like to help with, let us know!

Mail to: Wendy Kjeldbjerg, 21224 S. Sylvan Drive, Mundelein, IL 60060
wkjel@comcast.net 847.949.8042

HOT PROJECT LIST (Note: Clean Up Day is Coming!! Be sure to come out, clean up and join the picnic!)

1. Repair or replace the baseball backstop fencing at Schwerman Park (the big park where the Oktoberfest is held).
2. Replace two wood bridges in Maple Terrace over the stream bed where it empties into Maple Bay from Crescent and Shady Lane.
3. Repair or replace the retaining bench wall at the beach (the top of it is a safety issue). Perhaps thick, treated wood on top or replace with segmented blocks. We need an assessment then proposals for different stages of repair all the way up to replacement.
4. Sand down playground equipment (the wood is splintering) and look into replacing the bouncing ducks.

--Tear Out & Mail Out--

Writers Needed... Newsletter News And You

Do you like to write? Tell an interesting story? Reporters are needed to acquire information about and for the next issues of the *Sylvan Lake Shoreline*. **You can have your own by-line!** Please email Donn or Deb any information or pictures about the past happenings or upcoming events for the Sylvan Lake community. Your information

could be very interesting for everyone!

Pictures, pictures, pictures.
Worth a 1000 words!

Here are are some other suggestions:

Calendar of community activities, special events, event pictures, new neighbors, new babies and always special thank yous.

EMAIL your news to:

Donn Hamm

dehamm@comcast.net or

Deb Kvien

dkvien@sbcglobal.net

*Please put Sylvan Lake News
in the subject line.*

Summer Recreation in Sylvan Lake!

Volleyball League

Where: Schwerman Park and Bjorklund Park

When: Tuesdays starting June 15th

How Much: \$5.00 Resident / \$10.00 Non-Resident

Contact: Sam Ford at (847) 566-4325 with any questions.

Captains will submit roster and funds for entire team prior to first game



Horseshoe League

Where: Point Comfort Park

When: Thursdays starting June 17th

How Much: \$5.00 Resident / \$10.00 Non-Resident

*League participants will not have to
pay entry into Labor Day Tournament*

Contact: Sam Ford at (847) 566-4325 to enter your team.



Winners will receive: Respect, Accolades ... and a Shirt.

Sylvan Lake Garden Club invites you to...

Ladies Night Out

Return of the Goodwill Fashion Show

Saturday, June 5th, 6:30pm

Mark you calendar, save the date:

See the latest trends from our nearest
haute couture boutique, Goodwill.

Observe bold colors and daring combinations.

Be Fashion Forward as well as Wallet-Savvy.

With your tags still attached, your Goodwill ensemble (or single item) may win in several style categories.

Date: Saturday, June 5

Time: 6:30PM

Place: Kathy Schwerman's House of Fashion
21290 S. Sylvan Drive

Please bring an appetizer.

